

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,267,719 to Grisoni. Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,738,624 to Zablotsky as well as U.S. Pat. No. 5,707,333 to Bakst. In making this rejection, the Examiner indicated that the term "complex magnetic therapy unit" appearing in the claim is taken to be any magnetic therapy unit.

By the above amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to specify that the complex magnetic therapy unit has a base unit with a wave magnetization pattern and at least one insert unit. Such a structure is shown in Figure 4B of the application and the corresponding description. Nothing of this type appears in the references applied by the Examiner. For example, Grisoni describes magnetic sheets arranged to provide various regions of opposite polarities. There is no teaching or suggestion in Grisoni to provide a base unit with a wave magnetization pattern and at least one insert unit as claim 1 now requires.

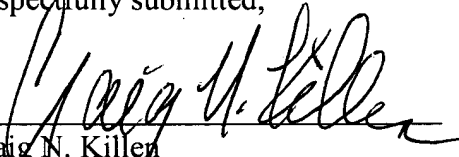
Applicants' claim is also now distinguishable over Zablotsky which discloses a circular sheet magnet 12 having a plurality of concentric rings providing alternating north poles 22 and south poles 24.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,707,333 is also different from Applicants' claimed invention. This patent merely discloses a plurality of magnets 14 or 44 with their south pole faces in contact with the inner surface of the supporting web.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for

allowance, and action to such effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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